fleeting and uncertain seizing without stability upon
things fleeting and uncertain. But in reality we
shall find, he is always the same Eternal who is for
ever stable and self-possessed in His supramental
knowledge and what he seizes on is also for ever
stable and eternal; for it is himself that he is.
mentally experiencing in the succession of Time.
Time is the great bank of conscious existence
turned into values of experience and action: the
surface mental being draws upon the past (and the
future also) and coins it continually into the present;,
he 'accounts for and stores up the gains he has.
gathered in what we call the past, not knowing how
ever-present is the past in us; he uses as much of it
as he needs as coin of knowledge and realised being
and pays it out as coin of mental, vital and physical
action in the commerce of the present which creates-
to his view the new wealth of the future. Ignorance-
is a utilisation of the Being's self-knowledge in
such a way as to make it valuable for Time-
experience and valid for Time-activity; what we do-
not know is what we have not yet taken up, coined
and used in our mental experience or have ceased
to coin or use. Behind, all is known and

all is ready
for use according to the will of the Self
in its.
dealings with Time and Space and
Causality. One
might almost say that our surface being
is only the
deeper eternal Self in us throwing itself
out as the
adventurer in Time, a gambler and
speculator in
infinite possibilities, limiting itself to the
succession
of moments so that it may have all the
surprise and-